

Gentlemen:

Sinclair Broadcasting's recent decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before this presidential election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest, not its own self-interest. When large companies control the airwaves and the media, the American public gets more of what's good for the corporation's own bottom line and less of what we need to enhance and preserve our democracy. I'm tired of standing by and watching while the American Media Corporations spend more time spinning the facts and self-censoring their news and commentary instead of presenting the raw facts to the American public and letting the public decide, on its own, how to react. Instead of some canned drivel produced at corporate headquarters, it's far more important that we see real people presenting the facts and offering more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

It's long past time for you to take the appropriate action and stop the media from conducting this type of partisan media activity at the public's expense and detriment.

Sincerely

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